

BEFORE YOU GO...

//Suggestions

IN ADDITION TO HAVING A GOOD OPENING LINE, YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF SOME OTHER IMPORTANT THINGS THAT WILL HELP YOU ENGAGE SOMEONE. CHECK IT OUT, THINGS LIKE BODY LANGUAGE, HYGIENE, AND A SMILE ON YOUR FACE WILL GO A LONG WAY. IF YOU TAKE THESE SUGGESTIONS TO HEART, YOU WILL FIND THAT PEOPLE ARE MORE WILLING TO STICK AROUND AND TALK.

//DRESS APPROPRIATELY!

Not uniforms, but make sure you ladies are showing more cloth than skin. You guys, keep your bulging muscles from popping out of your shirt. Either way, we don't want to give the wrong impression or cause someone to stumble.

//BE FRIENDLY BUT NOT TOO FRIENDLY!

Sorry kids, but Let's keep the motives right. Guys only talk with guys, girls only talk with girls. We don't want any missionary dating happening out there on the streets.

//CLEAN YOUR GRILL!

In other words, take that junk out of your teeth! Make sure there's not a distracting piece of spinach lodged in your gums and covering your front tooth. It's not the best way to make people take you seriously.

//HYGIENE!

Would you be able to pay attention to someone who's talking to you if they smelled like they poured a bottle of **FUNK** all over themselves? Trust me, you wouldn't. Make sure you are smelling decent. "Take the Old Spice challenge!"

//SPORT THE WORD!

What is a soldier without their sword when they are trying to kick back the gates of Hell and see people come into a real relationship with Jesus? Plus, in case someone asks you to back up what you are saying with Scripture, you have it with you. So make sure you're packing the Heat; carry a pocket Bible.

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//RESPECT THE BUBBLE!

No one likes it when you talk all up in their grill to the point that they can see every pore and hair follicle on your face! Keep a respectable distance from the person you are talking to.

//GROUP'N IT!

If you are going out in organized groups, we have discovered some key ingredients to a well-constructed team. First, **The Wise** - this is someone who has a good understanding of the Bible, doctrine, and apologetics, as well as the common sense not to hang out in dark alleys. Second, **The Machine** - this person is a crazy evangelist and will talk to anybody and everybody at any time. Next, **The Prayer Warrior** - we can't do it without the Lord, so someone has to labor in prayer for us. Finally, **The Muscle** - it is crucial that you have a guy with you to protect the group as a whole.

//BE A JEDI!

Guys, keep watch so that no weirdoes are spittin' game to the girls. Same goes for the ladies! Make sure that no crazy chick is going up to the young stud in your group. Trust me, you'll need each other's help in this. Along with this, **you never leave a member behind!** If you're in a group, make sure you stay in your group and may the force be with you!

//MAKE IT EASY!

Try Looking for those people that you might relate with. This is good when you are just starting to go out witnessing. Also, it's a good way to break the ice of timidity and start building that boldness to approach people. So, as our last suggestion, refrain from approaching that big, scary kid and avoid that potentially awkward moment when they look at you, thinking, "Why is this person wasting my time?"

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